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NEW PRESIDENT | THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES



New president takes time for people

Thether it is warm with the sun shining down, or a cloudy Thursday morning with a light shower, Dr. John Jasinski considers these moments precious.

"I use this time to prepare for the day, think about yesterday... I use it spiritually," Jasinski said.

Training for a marathon this coming Halloween weekend, Jasinski's days start anywhere from 6 in the morning, and, as was the case the night of the football game in Abilene, Tex., can end at 2 the next morning.

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WIRELESS

Some students not connected on campus

By Liz Briney
Missourian Reporter

Northwest students in the four high rises have had a rough start this trimester; wireless is not available as previously expected.

"Franken and Phillips Halls have wireless now, (also) all four high rises have wireless in their lounges. Milikan Hall and Dieterich Hall should be working with Ethernet cords," Mike Miller, Suites and Station Complex Director, said.

John Wallace, resident

of Milikan Hall, has been struggling with the Internet in his room.

"I haven't had internet since I moved in, not even with the cord," he said.

Brent Callaway, third floor resident of Franken Hall, has had similar problems. "Occasionally we get

wireless, but other than that we have to use Ethernet," he said. David Koziot, a fourth

floor resident of Franken Hall hasn't had wireless yet.

"It doesn't work, (I) have

to have it plugged in," he said.

No University staff could guarantee wireless would work all the time in the high rises. They did mention Northwest would be continually expanding wireless across the campus.

"This coming year the rest of the residence halls will have wireless as well as increasing our current hot spots on campus: the Union, Owens, and Brown Hall will have more coverage (available)," Tim Carlyle, Unix System Administrator, said.



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NANCY PREETHI ANTHONY and Anand Kuma Yog take advantage of the wireless internet connection in the Union.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Campus will go smoke free, but may not be enforced

By Liz Briney Missourian Reporter

People have heard all about the new smoking ban policy, but few are aware of their plans to enforce this policy.

Campus Safety Officer
Clarence Green is aware of
the upcoming policy; however he doesn't know what
the plan will be to enforce it.
He thinks it will take more
than campus safety for this
transition. There will be
meetings between the Wellness Center and Campus
Safety in order to discuss
the policy.

Beau Dooley, Director of Wellness, explains how it will be enforced.

"(This will be) everyone's responsibility to enforce," Dooley said. Staff, faculty and students will be encouraged to support this policy by asking people not to smoke. The Wellness Center and the University as a whole are following the approach St. Francis Hospital took with enforcing no smoking on their property. They discourage it with signs and fliers and politely ask people to stop smoking.

"Campus Safety is not responsible for enforcing the policy anymore than anyone else on campus," said Dooley.

There will be a penalty for those who choose to ignore the new policy.

"Repeated offenders will be put in front of judicial affairs," Dooley said.

Educational tools will be provided within the

campus this year about the harms of smoking along with classes to help students stop smoking.

Officials designed this policy for the benefit of more than just smokers.

"This is to eliminate second hand smoke since it is harmful," Dooley said.

Staying positive and motivational is the goal of officials to help enforce the policy.

"As long as we take a positive approach people will be more likely to comply," Dooley said.

Kirsti Miller, sophomore, doesn't agree with the policy and thinks it will be a failure.

"I don't smoke and I don't like smoke, but if you want to waste your money go ahead...What is the big deal? It is stupid (to pass this policy considering) how many people on campus smoke," Miller said. "It is how a lot of people on this campus socialize."

Craig Frisby, senior, thinks the policy could be successful.

"If they want it to be an effective policy it will be ...there is going to be a lot of people crying (though)," he said.

The smoking policy is planned to begin Aug. 1, 2010. When it begins there will be no smoking permitted on campus anywhere, not even inside vehicles parked or driven on campus property. For more information on this policy and ways to quit smoking contact the Wellness Center at (660) 562-1348.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE

Uloop not a school supported site

By Liz Briney Missourian Reporter

Uloop.com was sent to Northwest students marketing itself as the online marketplace for University students.

Uloop is not a Northwest supported site, it is a Web site designed for online classifieds.

"Uloop is a Web site that allows students to buy, sell, trade and promote with other students on campus," Uloop representatives said.

How they got Northwest student e-mail addresses is what many students, faculty and staff are wondering. They acquired students' accounts through other Northwest students.

"We work with another company on Campus in order to market our site to college students. The other company hires full time students to be University Directors. These Directors are in charge of marketing Uloop on their campus," Corey Cleek, Uloop CEO, said.

Northwest student Suzy Hachey is pleased with the site.

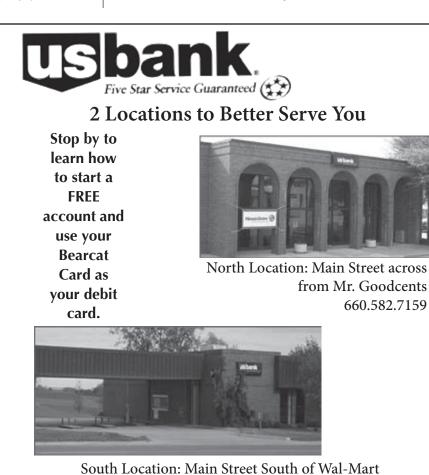
"As a college student it is useful. We are primarily on the internet (anyway)," she said.

Uloop is a site that started in Jan. 2007 at the University of California Santa Barbara. Ryan McCarthy and Scott Lewis started the site after working for a wireless company on college campuses, and they realized the need for students to have classifieds online.

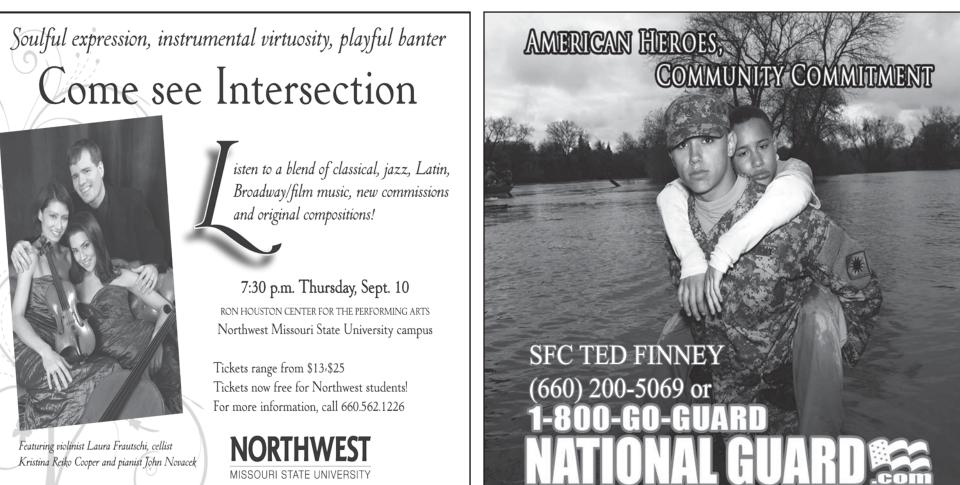
"We started out of Ryan's garage in Berlingang, Calif., and now Uloop is available on over 1,500 campuses," Cleek said.

They are based out of two main locations, Mt. View Calif., and Nashville, Tenn. Uloop plans to expand across college campuses within the United States.





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BELL GRANDE OPENING

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Taco Bell arrives earlier than expected

By Liz Briney/Greg Miller Missourian Reporter/ News Editor

The grand opening and ribbon cutting is today for Maryville's newest fast-food restaurant.

Taco Bell first opened two weeks ago and has been busy ever since.

Sean Callahan and his friend David Morgan were the first to order food inside the store, which was free as well. They waited outside for two hours until the store first opened last month.

"We were excited to be the first customers at the Maryville Taco Bell, ever," Morgan said. "I love them (the employees)... if I could, I would go behind the counter and hug them," he said.

Kevin Postlethwait entered the restaurant minutes after it opened.

"I brought my babysitting kids here so I could be here and I don't even know what I want," Postlethwait said.

Janice Harris, General Manager, said things were going well so far, however, she admitted the reason for the free meals had to do with technical problems.

The difficulties came, particularly, for the first customer at the drive thru window.

"Welcome to Taco John's, may I take your order please?" Julie Livengood, the customer at the time, followed up by saying, "Do you want to try that again?"

The employee unsure of what the customer meant responded with, "Can you hear me?" Livengood was pleased to discover she was the first drive-thru customer who got her order free.

She came to Taco Bell with Mark Collin and their two Chihuahuas, Yoda and Max.

"We love Taco Bell... gotta have a chalupa," Livengood said.

"We had a little bit of technical difficulties...it is okay, customers come first... that is the Taco Bell way," Harris said.



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NORTHWEST STUDENT SEAN Callahan munches on a taco on the opening day of the new Taco Bell. Callahan arrived at 8 a.m. and waited to be the first to order.

MARYVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

School falls short of No Child Left Behind

By Liz Briney Missourian Reporter

Maryville R-II School District didn't meet all the required targets for the No Child Left Behind Act for the 2008-2009 school year. Vickie Miller, Superintendent of Maryville Schools, knows Maryville schools aren't alone.

"We along with a lot of other schools didn't meet the standards in mathematics and communication arts," she said.

Miller believes many people feel the law itself is flawed. The goal of No Child Left Behind Act is for target scores to increase each year until 2012, when 100 percent of children should be at a proficient level.

Maryville R-II School District plans to continue to increase their targets in mathematics and communication arts

"We work really hard to meet the target...it is a great goal that we share," Miller said

Miller assures the public Maryville R-II School District won't be losing funds even though they didn't meet all their targets.

"We won't lose state fund-

ing we are nowhere near losing it," Miller said.

Maryville schools plan to increase their targets through professional development. Professional development is where adults are continually learning how to help students learn more. Schools in Maryville R-II School District are releasing students early from classes twice a month so they can have professional development days with teachers and staff. During these meetings they discuss goals for student achievement and various ways to reach these

H1N1 FLU

Swine flu precautions in place at schools

By Greg Miller News Editor

The World Health Organization's warning of H1N1 outbreak this flu season, school officials in the community have put preparations in place to prevent the spread as much as possible.

On the Northwest campus alone, four cases of probable flu have been diagnosed. While the World Health Organization has issued a pandemic for H1N1, medical officials at the University urge calm.

"While we are in a pandemic, it's not a matter of severity," said Dr. Jerry Wilmes, Northwest Medical Director and Emergency Coordinator.

While swine flu spread quickly last spring, so far the cases at Northwest have been light.

"Most cases are mild, many could argue its milder than seasonal flu," Wilmes said.

Wilmes urged caution, because while H1N1 has not proven to be extremely dangerous compared to other pandemics in history, this is still a serious situation.

Northwest has been following the situation closely throughout the summer, and preparing health services.

"We are working closely

with Nodaway County Health, so we're on the same page," Wilmes said. Maryville R-II schools

have taken many precautions to prevent the spread of flu among students and faculty this year.

"We have for years, always stressed

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OUR VIEW

Middle ground should be reached for smoking issue

Although not taking affect until next fall, it is still important to review one of the most recent changes to Northwest which occurred last term, that of the No-Smoking policy.

First, none of us can honestly refute the serious risk to one's health through direct and indirect smoking (be that indoor or outdoor exposure).

On the contrary, we as a community are more informed than ever before due to relatively recent groundbreaking studies, more specifically the work published by Stanford in 2007 and the publications that followed.

Second, none of us can seriously deny the role of an institution, such as a state-funded university, to provide a safe and comfortable atmosphere for its patrons and employees.

However, both compromise and realistic thoughts are necessary to solve this issue that has not just boomed nationally, but inter-

nationally as well, and perhaps solve it in a relatively painless way for all sides involved.

Third, questions must be answered honestly.

Finally, the concern or motivating force cannot just be centered on one side or the other, but rather on what is best for the entire campus in whole.

Does Northwest have the capability to enforce this policy? Does campus safety have the amount of time and resources necessary for this new policy to move forward next year, go as planned and be relatively effective?

Regardless of the penalties imposed, if this policy does go into affect, would students, faculty members and other employees follow this?

Would a different solution be better, such as a smoking area within a relatively unused part of campus?

Studies have showed that, yes, outdoor smoking can be just as harmful as indoor. But studies have also showed that the further you are away from someone smoking, the lower the risk, more specifically, about six feet. Along with this, the smoke outside dissipates quickly and does not linger.

Yes, there are health risks to any kind of smoking. However, there are also great differences just the same between indoor and outdoor smoking.

Setting aside a designated area for smoking would not only decrease the strain of resources and

employees needed to battle this for campus safety but lower the risk to nonsmokers at the same time.

Also, through this process a middle ground would be reached through the process, and perhaps dismantle this crusade upon smokers and bring forward the health risks that have been so long pushed aside.

And most importantly, a middle ground would definitely benefit the entire campus and the majority of people.

WHAT THE THE

According to a recent Human Rights Watch report, corporal punishment within public schools across 20 states is inflicted at much higher rates for students suffering from disabilities such as Autism, ADHD and **Tourettes** syndrome. Corporal punishment is "any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort." This often includes paddling or spankings, but the list continues to throwing a student to the floor or against a wall. Out of the 5,129 Missouri students that received corporal punishment during

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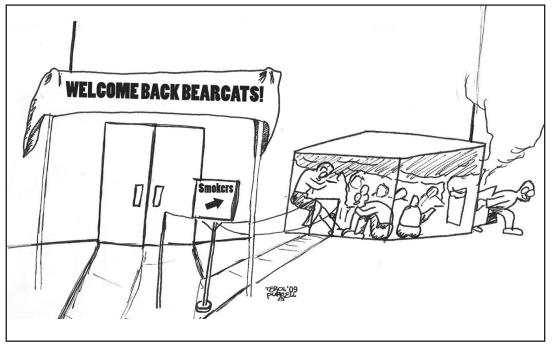
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MY VIEW

Students should consider alternatives during recession

Any Northwest graduate will tell you that college, especially in Maryville, is the best four years of your life. But higher education is doing more for students than teaching responsibility and building a social life.

Being at Northwest is simply delaying our entrance into the work force and the real world.

Most upperclassmen would usually look forward to the day they get to graduate from Northwest, but should they really be so excited?

With our current economic situation, going out into the real world may not be the safest or financially savvy choice to make.

The incoming freshmen may by far be the luckiest; they have four years to wait for and watch the economy turn around. But for those students who are only months shy of graduation, the feelings become much more uneasy as May 1 creeps closer.

An alternative to entering the work force is to continue your education and stay in school as long as you are able. Consider graduate school, law school, medical school or even tacking on another major.

There's no question that employers prefer to see a degree or two on a resume, but since the job market is down, unemployed young adults do not have many options to choose from.

As of July 2009, the unemployment rate was at an astounding 9.7%.

So instead of fighting the crowds for a generic or a dead-end job, continue skilling up with the hopes that at the end of another two to four years, the unemployment rate will drop back down.

Financially speaking, it is better to try and boost your resume now rather than later; tuition and the cost of living traditionally rise every year. And it is definitely better to earn a degree than to remain jobless.

Do not be mistaken: staying in school is not an easy thing to do. As you try to earn anything beyond a bachelor's degree, competition is fierce and tuition is expensive.

We have all been both blessed and spoiled by Northwest: small class sizes make student success higher, and with the programs that few schools offer, like textbook and laptop loans, Northwest students have not had to shell out hundreds of dollars each semester.

But negatives come right along with the positives.

Small class sizes erase the need for competition because each student gets roughly the same amount of attention, and loan programs enable students to disregard the amount of money needed beyond the costs of tuition and housing.

Pursuing higher education will not be easy or cheap, but it is

guaranteed to be worthwhile.

The New York Times recently posted an article where the author claimed that "four-year-college graduates made 54 percent more, on average, than people who attended college but did not graduate," when discussing the pay gap between graduates and non-graduates. And those who receive above a bachelor's degree earn even more than those who stop after four years.

While it may be expensive and annoying to take out student loans and to fill out the FAFSA every year, but payoffs such as higher wages and stronger job security prove that taking a slight loss now and continuing your education could pay off big in the future.

MY VIEW

Communication remains top priority for Senate

By Anthony Mittan Contributing Columnist

From the moment students started arriving back to Maryville for the start of the school year, the shameless pride of Northwest students became evident. The hype and excitement to see friends, colleagues and peers could be seen everywhere.

But with the start of an exciting new school year comes the start of a brand new set of student body representatives, and as promised by the Student Senate Executive Board last spring, communication is a top priority for the coming year.

Every spring the current Student Senate offers the opportunity for all Northwest students to become involved in student government by promoting and holding elections to become official student senators.

These elections are broken down by constituency, meaning that the freshmen class elects freshmen representatives and so on.

There are also five oncampus and five off-campus representatives. And in addition to these positions, there are also three other very important positions that should not be overlooked; the non-traditional student representative, the graduate school representative and the Missouri Academy representative, which are elected in the same fashion as the others and are voted on by their peers.

So, now that you know who represents you, how do

you know if they are actually "representing" you and your interests? Are the decisions they make based upon personal opinion or those of their constituents?

The answer to these questions and more are addressed through the communication barrier, an obstacle that prevents proper communication between representatives and constituents.

To ensure that your representatives are actually looking out for your best interest, the Executive Board asks that all student senators submit monthly constituency reports. These reports will include items such as your comments, concerns, suggestions and other feedback that can help Student Senate and Northwest as a whole.

In addition to monthly reports, we encourage student senators, before voting on matters, to take a step back and really think about what would be best for the students they represent.

The importance of communication between all parties is the most vital component to any successful student government. Nevertheless, students may still feel as if there is a wall.

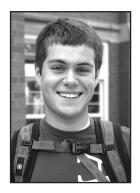
Throughout the year, you can be confident that your Student Senate Executive Board is going to do everything they possibly can to voice opinions on matters that mean the most to you.

All meetings are held

on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Boardroom and are open for any student to attend.

CAMPUSTALK

How do you feel about the campus going smoke free?



It would feel a lot cleaner, Northwest already has a clean feel and it would just add to that.

Andrew Johnson



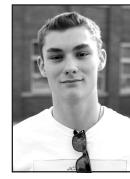
Uh, no. There's too many students on campus who do smoke. You'll probably see a drop in some grades because cigarettes do tend to chill people

Matt Cory



I think it is wonderful because I have a lot of family with Emphysema, so it's good to make it harder for young people to smoke

Melissa Searl



Bad Idea. I see where the University wants to go with it, but when you have a majority of students smoking and you take it away you'll see an uprising.

Jameson Hutchins

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Aug. 27

Jennifer A. Ivey, 24, Maryille, driving while suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no child restraint, 600 block of W. Seventh

Charlie P. Dubose, 33, Devine, Texas, driving while intoxicated, open container in a motor vehicle, fail to signal, 200 block of W. Fourth

Aug. 28

April D. Beeney, 21, Easton, Mo., driving while suspended, equipment violation, improper registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 100 block of S. Main

Matthew R. Meinert, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Todd R. Leroy, 27, Kansas City, Mo., driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, 1100 block S. Main

Fire report, smoke investigation, 500 block of N. Laura

Rusty J. Davis, 40, Burlington Jct., Mo., failure to have a child in a child restraint, 700 block of S. Main

Jade A. Gross, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 500 block of W. Fourth

Mackenzie D. Becker, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 500 block of W. Fourth

Cody R. Smith, 19, St. Charles, Mo., minor in possession, 500 block of W. Seventh

Cody D. Tubbs, 19, Craig, Mo., minor in possession, 500 block of W. Seventh

Trevor C. Scott, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block S. Buchanan

Aug. 29

Recovered property, bicycle, 300 block of N. Main

Jacob L. Koehn, 22, Maryville, indecent exposure, 200 block of W. Second

Kevin P. Moffat, 20, Ravenwood, Mo., minor in possession, 200 block of W. Second

Alycean A. Bergh, 19, Maryville, minor in possession, providing false information to a police officer, 200 block of W. Second

Bradford J. Place, 19, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 200 block of N. Vine

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 100 block of N. Main

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 200 block of S. Grand

Braden T. West, 27, St. Joseph, Mo., wanted on warrant-failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Benjamin T. Langston, 20, Overland Park, Kan., minor in possession, 100 block of W. Thompson

Reid E. Gillaspie, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., minor in possession, 100 block of W. Jenkins

Joseph E. Sander, 18, St. Joseph, Mo., minor in possession, 100 block of W. Jenkins

Sheldon J. Farrell, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 100 block of W. **Jenkins**

Aug. 30

James D. Carrington, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 300 block of W. Seventh

Aug. 31

Recovered Property, keys, 400 block of N. Buchanan

ACCIDENTS

Aug. 29

James S. Langley, 55, Stewartsville, Mo., collided with Ronald M.J. Runion, 18, Maitland, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. HWY and 268

JASINSKI: President brings new perspective

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As the 10th president of Northwest Missouri State University, Jasinski's plate is certainly

His office is informal and conversational, meeting with various people throughout the day.

When he is out of meetings, he's checking e-mail, phone messages and watching his schedule very closely.

"I'm an on-time person," he

Jasinski insisted on going outside his office to see the university during freshman move-in day.

"I wanted to lift boxes, but they said no," Jasinski said.

He introduced himself to parents as the families arrived on campus. Jasinski also greeted families as they began the move-in process, and helped some of his own family as well.

Jasinski told one mother, who said she cried the entire trip to Maryville that he can relate.

"I just moved my son last week, I know this is a tough day," he said.

When it comes to what students will take away from this year and their future, he stressed the importance of the bigger

"I hope to think out years, about what this year will hold, but (also) years 2, 3 and 4," he said.

If there's a secret to his administration, Jasinski said its communication.

He constantly stressed the importance of teamwork and communication, he believes it is essential to rely on the talents of

"You have to put a good team together, and rely on good people," Jasinski said. "You have to be people first."

When he's out and about on campus he stops to say hi to as many people as he can, stopping to thank the cat crew for their work with moving in freshman, or quickly discussing various issues with university employees.



PRESIDENT JOHN JASINSKI meets with Clarence Green, Campus Safety Director. Jasinski wants to implement more communication with faculty and staff.

"How do you engage to see best for students and faculty," Jasinski said.

But it is not all positive, and Jasinski knows that this is a tough time for any business, especially as a public university.

'We have to be realists, we're not in a glass bubble in Maryville... we have tough decisions to make," he said.

Another one of Jasinski's goals this year is to build a collective vision for the university. He stressed it can't come simply from administration, but also students and support staff. Once you connect everyone's goals, Jasinski believes it's the best way to help everyone.

The new president believes it is important to move forward, but do it for a reason.

"We have to examine culture, not change for change sake," Jasinski said. "I'm challenging our folks to look at everything with a fresh set of ways." With these things in mind,

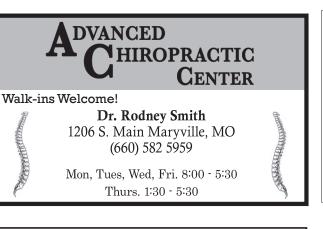
is getting started. He describes it as the point he's been working towards all summer. But the tenth president of

Jasinski said he's excited that

students are back and the year

Northwest admits that he still has to work on some smaller details.

"One thing I haven't gotten down... when to eat," Jasinski





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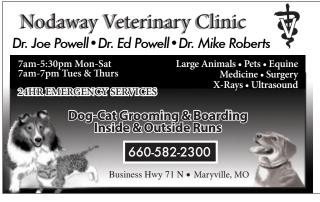
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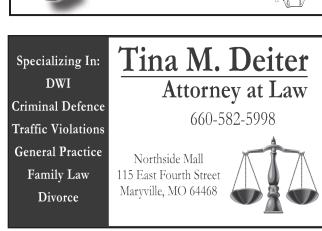
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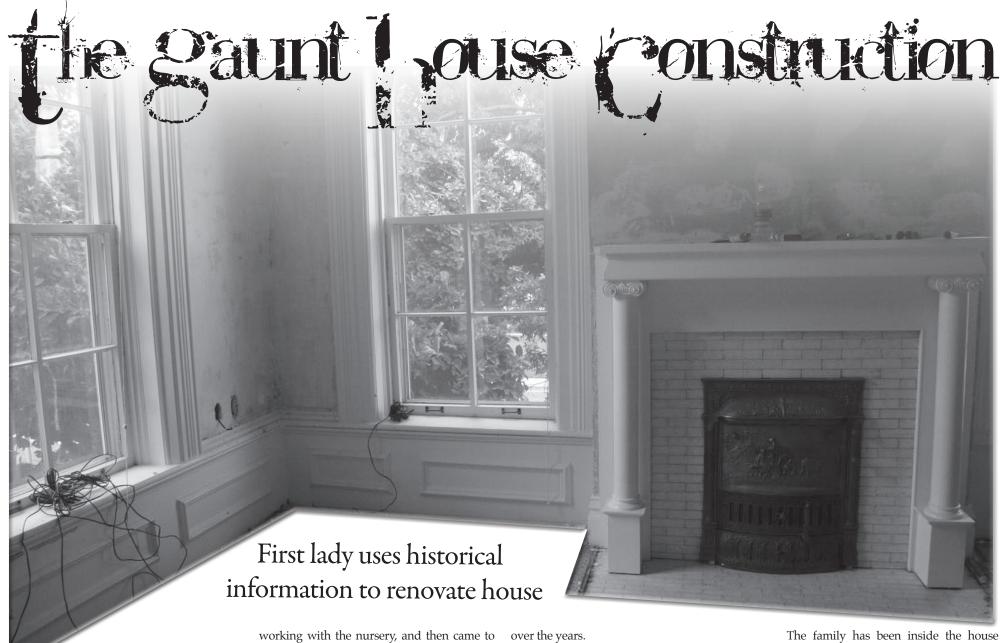




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Remodeling a nearly 140-year-old house is no easy task, but with new wall colors and restored hardwood floors will come a new purpose for the Thomas W. Gaunt House on the Northwest campus.

By Greg Miller

News Editor

"It is my understanding that Mr. Gaunt came here from out east, he had a nursery in Illinois... and then came over to Albany working with the nursery, and then came to Nodaway County," Denise Jasinski said.

A 1990 research paper indicates the bricks of the house were formed by Gaunt's brother-in-law Joseph Castillo at the 102 River. Gaunt lived in the house until his death in 1901; the Fifth District Northwest Normal School, now known as Northwest Missouri State University, then acquired the house.

Files she discovered inside the house have helped Jasinski piece together the history of the house, which was acquired by the University in 1905.

"Some of it you can start putting two and two together on things, but most of it is because of the files I sat down and read," Jasinski said.

When some of the wallpaper was removed, she said the plaster also came off and exposed the original brick. Architectural details also help tell where the original house was, and what has been added

"You can always tell where the original house is and where add-on parts are... all of the window brick is rounded because it was from the 102 river, and he (the builder) customed everything," she said.

Once the renovations are complete, the house will be used for dinners and general university use, and that is part of the physical renovation concept.

"We really want the house to become very open and fluid... we understand it's a residence but we also understand that its University property," Jasinski said. "This has a great space to it and a wonderful atmosphere for hosting."

Keeping it neutral and bringing it back to modern times is no easy task inside.

"We want to as much as possible to more what it was like originally yet keep a timeless element," she said, and intends to give personality to the house using furniture, artwork and window treatments. She also

said pink wallpaper was in no short supply. "Pink was... everywhere," she said.

The family has been inside the house working, her children pulling staples out of the floor to prepare for the hardwood resurfacing.

The Northwest's crew members, whom she said are "phenomenal," have been working on the house as well as other campus preparations for the beginning of school.

Doors that came from Wells Hall hold a special place in their family, since it was President Jasinski's first place of employment at Northwest

She wants to make the Gaunt House not just the president's house, but a home functional for family.

"As busy as anybody's lives are, if you have a home that has a flow and a function for your family and others... it makes the harmony that much more enjoyable," she said.

Groups of students have already toured while the renovations are taking place and she said the athletic department has already used the patio for a barbecue.

The Jasinski family hopes to move into the Gaunt House next month.



photo by mallory dahmer I missourian photographer FIRST YEAR GRADUATE student, Schuyler Lovell, paints a wall inside the house. He is the only student employee working on renovations.



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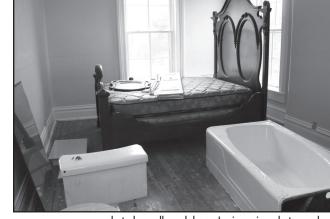


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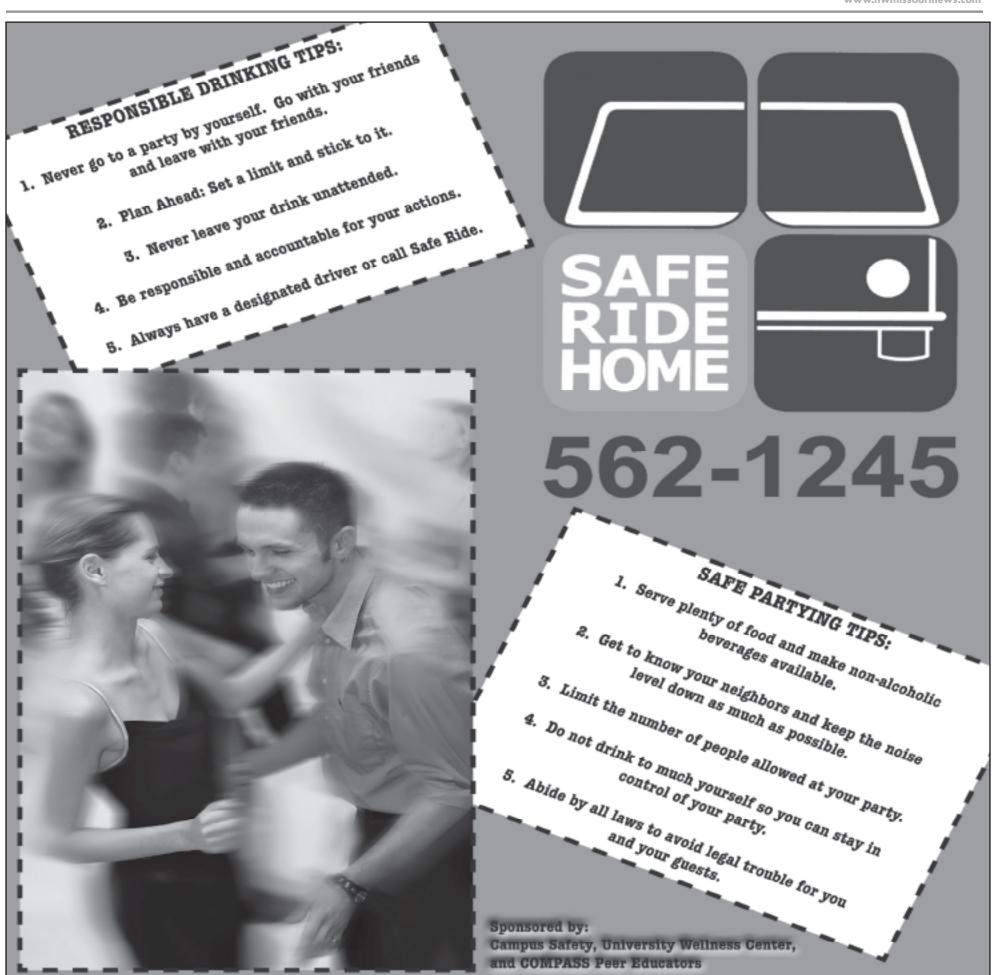
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No matter what they are called; scooters, mini-bikes, pocket rockets or motorized bicycles, the laws regarding these vehicles can be confusing. The Missouri Safety Center and the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program would like to help clear up the confusion over the legal use of "scooters," an activity that has increased in popularity in recent months, due in large part to increased fuel costs.

By Missouri Revised Statute (RSMo), these "scooters" fall into one of two categories: motorcycles or motorized bicycles. RSMo 307.180.2 defines a "motorized bicycle" as any two- or three-wheeled device having an automatic transmission and a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than fifty cubic centimeters (50 cc's), which produces less than three gross brake horsepower, and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of no more than thirty miles per hour on level ground. If the "scooter" exceeds any or all of these criteria it is then defined as a motorcycle.

What if it "IS" a scooter, what is required?

If the vehicle meets "all" of the criteria for a "scroter" as defined in RSMo 307.180.2 then the operator is not required to wear a motorcycle helmet or maintain a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license. However, the "scooter" is still considered a motor vehicle and RSMo 302.020.1states that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle upon any highway in this state unless the person has a valid license. RSMo 302.010.6 defines a "Highway" as any public thoroughfare for vehicles, including state roads, county roads and public streets, avenues, boulevards, parkways, or alleys in any municipality. So, you may not be required to have a motorcycle endorsement or wear a motorcycle helmet BUT anyone who operates the "scooter" on any roadway MUST possess a valid driver's license. All Scooters MUST purchase a Northwest motorcycle parking permit and park in the yellow zones of parking lots only. Scooters are not allowed to be operated or parked on sidewalks or bicycle racks. Failure to adhere to the above may result in your scooter being towed or immobilized.

Don't be misled by anyone, including the salesperson selling the "scooter." A common sales technique is to convince the buyer that that there are no restrictions or requirements for a "scooter" and describe it as a safe, simple and economical means of transportation. This may be true, but at the very least – anyone who operates the "scooter" on any roadway is required to have a valid driver's license. In point of fact, R5Mo 407.1025.7 (Merchandising Practices) defines a motor vehicle operated on two wheels as a "motorcycle."

Whether it's a scooter or motorcycle, the Missouri Safety Center and the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program take the safety of the motoring public very seriously. We strongly encourage the use of all proper riding gear http://www.mmsp.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=45 and training before you ride.

For More Information:

The Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program has additional information on scooters at: http://www.mmsp.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=34&Itemid=

FIRST LADY

First lady intends to be support system for community, students

By Greg Miller News Editor

"Networking and communication," are how Denise Jasinski describes her role as First Lady at Northwest Missouri State.

In addition to renovations and maintenance at the Gaunt House, which the family hopes to move into later this fall, the University's First Lady wants to be a support system to the area.

"Being a member of this community for so long, there are some different things that have always been of interest to me," she said. "I'll slowly start to figure out which of those I can move on."

Jasinski said she's always liked the possibility of a Habitat for Humanity garden, but she said after research she found out there was no funding for the project.

She says as a whole she wants to look at different entities to bring the big picture of the community through landscaping and community project ideas as well as bettering people's home lives.

"I don't care what your income level is, I think we should provide all of our college students with safe, affordable, aesthetically pleasing homes," Jasinski said. "Does it mean every kitchen will have a granite countertop? No... but can we have a quality durable product in there that is low cost?" She believes it's possible.

"Sometimes it means helping people get started, and then have high expectations for them and be active in their lives," she said.

Jasinski said she hates to see families who work hard every day and come home to dilapidated housing. She believes the community should help families grow and spread out to the area. So how will she approach the issue?

"Maybe one house at a time... it's about starting to brainstorm ideas, starting to network... try to do what you can every single day," she said.

While the job of university president seems dauntingly busy, for the Jasinski family it means more time to spend together.

"John's been gone for two years... we have more time for family than we've had in a long time," she said. "This has provided an opportunity for... all six of us to live under the same roof again day in and day out."

NODAWAY COUNTY

Sheriff's office cracks down on child safety seat violators

Nodaway County Sheriff's Office Reminds Motorists to Buckle Up Children and Arrive Alive

Car crashes are the number one killer of children. During the last 3 years in Missouri, 56 children were killed and 437 more suffered disabling injuries.

The Nodaway County Sheriff's Office announced today that they are joining with law enforcement on Sept. 12-19 for an aggressive National CPS Week Law Enforcement Campaign to crack down on Missouri's child safety seat law violators and to reduce highway fatali-

ties and injuries to children.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says that child safety seats reduce the risk of being killed in a car crash by 71 percent for an infant and by 65 percent for a toddler. This is way all 50 states have laws that require the use of child safety restrains.

Sheriff Darren White said regular child safety seat and safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

For more information on seat belt usage, visit www. MOlives.com.

CIE OPENING

Mo. Governor to attend opening of new business incubator

Gov. Jay Nixon will speak at dedication ceremonies for Northwest's new Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which are now scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. Lawmakers, university officials, center tenants and economic development advocates are also expected to attend. The event will take place at the center, which is located on the north edge of campus west of North College Drive and south of West 16th Street.

Originally scheduled for Sept. 11, the date of the ceremony has been changed in order to accommodate the governor's schedule.

The 46,679-square-foot center has two synergistic components: a mixed-use technology business incubator and an academic facility. The incubator is designed to house several start-up companies, and the academic facility has been programmed to house Northwest's new nanotechnology baccalaureate degree program, which began courses this fall.

"Northwest has the only non-engineering-based nanoscience degree program in the state and in the region," said Dr. Charles McAdams, dean of Northwest's College of Arts and Sciences. "The academic portion of the center means that students can come to Northwest, major in nanoscale science, have hands-on experience with companies in the CIE and be prepared for either graduate school or careers in commercial laboratories."

Nanoscience is the study of the control of matter on an atomic and molecular scale and generally deals with structures of 100 nanometers or smaller. A nanometer is a billionth of a meter.

A new on-site center tenant will be introduced during the dedication. Life sciences and health-care consultant Riley and Rabel Consulting Services, LLC, (www.rileyandrabel.com) joins Carbolytic Materials Company (www.carbolytic.com) and Practical Sustainability (www.practicalsustainability.com) as the center's newest private-sector occupant.

"We are very excited about moving to the CIE because it gives us the opportunity to interact with faculty and students as well as other tenants," said Chris Riley. "In addition, the Center contains state-of-the art laboratory facilities and equipment, which provides us with the possibility of expanding our business into laboratories services sometime in the future."

Carbolytic Materials Company, which is also building a processing plant in Maryville, extracts carbon black, a substance with wide applications in the plastics and rubber industry, along with combustible oil and gas, from shredded automotive tires. CMC will use the center as a base for research and development operations.

Practical Sustainability is a full-service analytical consulting firm and chemical and biological laboratory specializing in expert testimony and witnessing, sustainability analyses, environmental and ecological technology, infection control, and material characterization.

The company was founded by managing partner Dr. Earl R. Beaver, chair emeritus of the Institute for Sustainability in New York and chair of the National Accounts Committee for the Global Footprint Network. Beaver is the author and holder of many publications and patents and has received the prestigious Lawrence K. Cecil Award from the Environmental Division of the American Institute of Chemical

"We are excited to have these tenants occupying the CIE this soon after building completion," McAdams said. "The opportunities they bring for improving the economic vitality of our region, and more specifically for partnering with students and faculty in research projects, are significant. Our students and faculty will be uniquely advantaged by the presence of these businesses and the academic and professional opportunities they will create."

In addition to three on-site tenants, the CIE is the "virtual" home of Alyoop Inc., (www. alyoop.com) a St. Louis-based startup company seeking to provide shoppers with coupons selected to match customer-generated shopping lists and delivered via the Internet.

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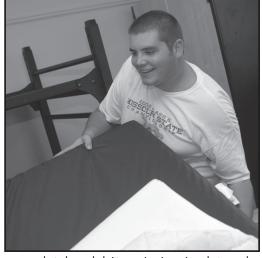


photo by rachel rittman | missourian photographer FRESHMEN DYLAN BLOMBERG takes his mattress down to make his bed for the first time. After putting

on his sheets and comforter, he noticed that he and his new roommate will have matching beds this year... something they did not plan. PRESIDENT JOHN JASINSKI chats with students from

the Catholic Newman Center serving on Cat Crew about how the move-in day has been going. The students reported that the regular chaos of the day had not set in yet, but was expected around lunch time; they also invited Jasinski to their weekly mass, which he said he would try to attend, he is a practicing

THE FRESHMEN HAVE ARRIVED

Move in day festivities bring everyone out to the dorm; From Freshmen to Upperclassmen to President Jazz



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RESIDENCE HALL ASSISTANT Kristen Keintz greets Lindsay Weidman on the 3rd floor Perron. All freshmen were required to check in on the main floor of their dorms and then also check in with their RA's once they got to the floor they will be living on .



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JESSICA MONROE ALONG with several other Cat Crew members push in carts full of futons, televisions, mini refrigerators and other dorm essentials that the freshmen have brought. Cat Crew would greet freshmen and their families outside of the residence halls and immediately take all their items to their rooms for them while they went through the check-in process.



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FACULTY, STAFF MEETING

Faculty and staff bridge communication gap, give feedback to University leaders

By Courtney Edwards Managing Editor

President Jasinski's plans to bring the University together kicked off with an all-faculty and all-staff meeting Friday morning in Bearcat Arena.

This was the first time in Northwest history that all faculty and staff members have met together, Jasinski said. One of his goals for the meeting was to bring all the employees together and get them interacting.

"Initial input is that people are engaged," Jasinski said. "You can see that; people are smiling and they're talking to one another."

Faculty and staff are looking forward to the total inclusion Jasinski is implementing and the voice everyone has in the University's future.

"He really means it," Clarence Green, Director of Campus Safety said. "He's passionate about listening and everyone communicating with each other."

The meeting was meant to get employee's input about where the University should go. Jasinski said the key to the meeting, however, will be to follow up on their

"We've heard them and we need to show people that we're actually doing something with their input,'

One change going into affect this year is a change in reserved parking lots.

"Parking is an issue," custodian David Hilsabek said. "There are too many spots available to people who are higher up, sometimes I have to walk a ways to get to my job."

Lot 25 behind the Administration Building, previously reserved for cabinet members, has been opened up to all faculty and staff, according to Campus Safety.

"I was really thrilled when I saw that," Dr. Lauren Leach-Steffens, Assistant Professor of Family Economics and Management said. "If we're Northwest family, we can't say we're Northwest family but they get special parking privileges; that's not

"One of the reasons I came here and loved it was because they were just as likely to have a memorial bell ringing for a sign painter as a professor; this (inclusion) is going to make it even more so," said Leach-Steffens.

With classes this week, Jasinski is looking forward to getting to know the students, faculty and staff. One of the ways he plans to do that is through departmental

"(This is) so we can get to know them and they can get to know us," Jasinski said.



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HALL DIRCTOR MATT Matthews listens to a speaker during the all-faculty, all-staff meeting in Bearcat Arena on Aug. 28. During the meeting, employees did several exercises to give President Jasinski feedback and their opinions on the University.

VOLLEYBALL: 'Cats set goals to build on weekend wins, improve from last season

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determined to keep history from repeating itself this

"We need to just build on what went well (last weekend)," Tool said. "Then, learning from the Christian Brothers match, where we lost in five. Learn how to adjust a little bit better and stay in the game a little bit better. We need to really keep

our focus and finish in all games of the match."

The 'Cats will try to continue its hot streak on Friday at Bearcat Arena. This weekend Northwest will sponsor the Comfort INNvitational, as Newman, Minnesota State-Moorhead, Texas A&M-Commerce and Quincy come to town.

"It's huge, (to perform well in the tournament) just to be prepared for conference

play to show that we can play consistently. Even just being 3-1 in the first weekend is a lot more consistent then we have been in the past, but to be competitive and top five in the conference we need to take care of the teams that we play. This coming weekend we need to take it one match at a time and sustain a higher level of ball control straight through so we can maintain









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New friends and family for band student

Almost a week ago today I drove onto the Northwest campus for the first time in my newborn college life. It was a wild ride to say the least, with all the downpour weather and the long drive I had just taken. It's hard enough knowing that I left my friends, family and everything I've known to come out to a new place where I have to essentially start my life over.

I had no idea what I was getting into when everyone left that night. I guess it almost felt like it was going to be summer camp, and when your family leaves you for awhile and comes back in a week. I'm really close to my parents so leaving is always kind of tough. I was excited, to say the least, with all the new freedom I get while being on my own. Having the freedom to do whatever you phenomenal.

The next few days proved to be the busiest days I've had in a long time. We started band and drumline stuff up the first few days, which meant a lot of auditions, and playing/ memorizing music in overdrive. It felt overwhelming fitting band into the schedule of freshman Advantage Week, on top of attempting to make friends with people in and out of band. It proved to work itself out though.

The people in band have been extremely friendly and supportive. The guys and gals on the line pull you in like family. I probably couldn't do half of what I've done so far without their support. The band, as a whole, is just awesome. It's literally like a huge family. There's a great sense of fellowship and

want, when you want, feels tradition in what we do and I value being apart of that so much.

> The freshman Advantage Week had its ups as well. I really enjoyed my freshman seminar class the most. A lot of the people in that class have turned out to be some of my better friends on campus so far. We've made a habit out of 10 p.m. Walmart runs for things we may or may not need, and creating adventure out of it. The seminar classes helped us get to know each other, and I felt really comfortable just openly talking to others about everything. It felt awesome.

> Most of the meetings and speakers were entertaining as well, minus a select few. I definitely stayed busy though between these seminars and band throughout the week.

> The 50 minute classes feel awesome compared to that

block scheduling 90 minute class time I've been used to in the past. It's been a breeze finding my classes, and I'm starting to settle into the community.

I'm still keeping my friends back home close to me, but I will be making new friends and family here on campus. I'm ready to start the new chapter of my life here at Northwest. I thank God every day though for the peer advisors and upperclassmen for being here to help us freshman get to where we are because I know I couldn't have done it without them. It's going to be a great year. Go Bearcats!

-Tim Ning

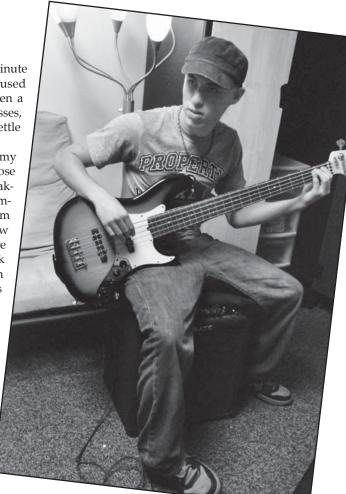


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TIM NING ROCKS out on his bass guitar in his new dorm room.

By Brian Johnson **Features Editor**

Bags were unpacked, heavy appliances were carried up flights of stairs, furniture was arranged and then rearranged, and a new chapter was written in the lives of 1,496 Northwest freshmen.

Advantage Week saw these students get used to their new lives at Northwest in preparation for their classes. New friendships were made, new routines were established and a new way of life began.

Just what is going through the minds of these freshmen during this time of change? Are they excited, anxious or just plain scared?

We asked three freshmen to keep a diary and record their thoughts about their experiences through Advantage Week.

Tim Ning is from Kansas City, MO and is studying for a degree in instrumental music education. He recalls many experiences, such as starting over in a new place

and his activities with band. Lindsay Saunders is also from Kansas City and is working toward a degree in FACS education. Her adventures included the typical rigors of moving in

and pondering her Northwest future. risti Beal is from Blair, NE and is going for a degree in biology. She is dealing with the workout of hiking across campus and her differences with the

dining hours. These three and all the other freshmen at Northwest will face challenges and rewards in the following years. Many different emotions will be felt, whether it's fear of finals or excitement of a Bearcat touchdown. One can only wonder how these diaries will ultimately



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NING MOVES HIS futon into his new Northwest home. He related this experience to starting a new life.

KRISTI BEAL WORKS on her math homework after her second day of class. photo by brian johnson | features editor

Freshman from Nebraska stresses long walks and classes

Advantage week has kept me busy, busy, busy. I'm pretty sure that I've walked at least ten miles this whole weekend and my feet are killing me. I live in Perrin and the dorms are super nice. I've met a lot of nice girls on my floor and the RA's are really helpful.

Northwest is living up to my expectations. I have very few things to complain about. The food is good (but I wish they served food all day long). It's kind of frustrating going into the Union and having your heart set on Quizno's when they are closed.

put on campus are really cool. I really enjoyed the "Can I Kiss You?" presentation. The ice cream social that was put on afterward was a lot of fun and I met some cool people.

I'm nervous for my first day of classes.

I'm nervous about the lectures and getting to class on time. I'm also nervous about how your grade is just based on a couple of exams.

-Kristi Beal

Exciting thoughts about Northwest future despite rigors of move in day

My first week here at Northwest Missouri State was hectic, tiring and fun. Move in day was the most stressful because you had to get so much done in so little time. From picking up your laptop, to getting to all your meetings on time, there was hardly enough time to unpack! Luckily, my roommate and I only had to re-arrange our room once to get it to what would be most

comfortable for us. It was quite a pain having to carry my books all across campus also but nothing beat the fact that once I got here, my dad realized that Wal-Mart only gave us HALF of my futon! Oh well...

I spent most of my time hanging out and catching up with my friends from high school. I did find Advantage to be a great way for freshmen to be able to learn

new people.

When I leave NWMSU in four years, I expect to have grown to be a more respected individual. I also expect to become a great teacher. I know it will take a lot of hard work and long nights, but I'm willing and ready. I expect to make long-lasting friendships with the people I meet here. With the education I will receive in

about campus better and meet college, I expect to be able to go out into the world and find a job right after I graduate. Overall, my first week in college wasn't that bad. I met tons of new people and everyone was very friendly and helpful. I can't wait for what lies ahead!

- Lindsey Saunders



photo by lori frankenfield | chief photographer LINDSAY SAUNDERS THINKS about how her dorm room will be set up.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Top 3 picks

By Brian Johnson Features Editor

Coming to Theaters: "Gamer" starring Gerard Butler ("300") opens Friday. Writers and Directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor are the same ones that created "Crank" and "Crank: High Voltage" so anyone who loves the fast-paced action of those movies are sure to expect the same from "Gamer." The movie is a look into the fantasy world where gamers can control real-life people while they face others in a battle for supremacy. Butler has established himself as a great action star with "300" so be sure to check out his latest adrenalinefilled endeavor. Co-starring in this movie are Michael C. Hall ("Dexter") and Ludacris ("Hustle and Flow").

New Album to check out: "Artwork" by The Used came out Monday. This punk band reached success in 2002 and now see the release of their fourth full-length album. The band is characterized by the screaming vocals of Bert McCracken and the chainsaw guitars of Quinn Allman. The band is best known for their soft then heavy style in past songs such as "All That I've Got" and "Buried Myself Alive." The lead single for this album is "Blood on My Hands" which has already cracked the top 40 alternative chart. Fans of punk will be sure to check out this latest work from one of the more promising punk bands in years.

New DVD to rent: "State of Play" starring Russell Crowe and Ben Affleck came out Tuesday. This political thriller about a senator and his news reporter friend embroiled in the disappearance of an intern didn't do well at the box office. On DVD however, it is sure to find new life and ultimately become more popular. For anyone who enjoyed past political thrillers such as "Murder at 1600" will most likely enjoy this movie.

STROLLER

Your Man hates bad roommates

Using floors as toilets and cooking while intoxicated are two completely unacceptable behaviors when you live with others.

Let's be real, they wouldn't really be acceptable while living alone, either.

Whether you live with guys or girls, Your Man thinks everyone is entitled to a lesson in roommate etiquette.

Lesson one – Don't urinate on surfaces where someone could be walking barefoot. It's a really bad surprise to walk into a house where you know there is no pet to make a mess and find a giant wet spot on the floor. Come on, if you know you're coming home drunk and have had an experience like this in the past, put some newspaper down for the path to your bedroom.

Lesson two - Clean up after yourself. It really is that simple. If you get something out, put it away. If you use dishes, wash them. It's amazing how much your roommates will love you if they don't have to clean up what you left behind. This goes for cleaning yourself, too. Shower more than once a week. Lack of personal hygiene is just as bad as a sink full of week old dishes.

Lesson three – If you're hungry when you come home from partying, order pizza. There is nothing worse than the smell of burnt food because some drunk idiot thought they were



a gourmet chef after a few shots of tequila. Face it, if you can't cook sober, the outcome will probably be worse when you're intoxicated. Anything that involves a stove or oven should be avoided completely; microwaves are usually acceptable for late night scavenges through the kitchen. If you do opt for cooking while impaired, refer to lesson two for clean up instructions.

Although it is fun to torment each other from time to time, it could result in some bad

Or a chance for revenge, if you want to look at it that way.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian

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REVIEW

Halloween II left for dead by Rob Zombie's filmmaking

It's ironic that singer/ filmmaker Rob Zombie has an album entitled Educated Horses, because he is about as educated as one when it comes to making movies. His latest film endeavor "Halloween II," shows that he has not only lost touch with the original horror classic, but has also lost touch with his own movies.

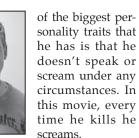
Zombie has enjoyed huge success as a rock singer with his band White Zombie and as a solo artist throughout the 1990's and early 2000's. In 2003 he ventured into films with the exploitative "House of 1000 Corpses." He followed this up in 2005 with the much improved, "The Devil's Rejects."

In 2007 he would then commit film blasphemy by remaking the groundbreaking slasher classic "Halloween." While the film wasn't great, it showed that Zombie had an imagination when it came to developing his own view on the

This imagination would ultimately lead to the downfall of "Halloween II." Right from the outset Zombie introduces a storyline

where killer Michael Myers is offing people because his dead mother wants him too. Wait. Stop right there. In the 2007 remake, Myers' mother ultimately commits suicide because of her son's insanity and killing spree. So why is she all of a sudden his driving force? It just doesn't

A perfect example of Zombie's disregard for the original series is his characterization of Myers. One



Brian Johnson

Myers is supposed to be an emotionless killing machine. Ultimately he is

more animal than man. Having him scream adds emotion to the character which the hardcore horror movie fans will not appreciate.

Myers also has his mask off for at least half of the movie. This isn't so much of a bad thing, but Zombie is ultimately ignoring one of the characteristics of Myers from the 2007 film. In that film, it is established that he doesn't take his mask off for any reason. Once again, it ultimately doesn't add up.

The style of the shooting is another big problem. Directors like Stanley Kubrick and Alfred Hitchcock prided themselves on being able to shoot movies with long camera shots that draw in and mesmerize the viewer. Zombie has more cutaways than just about any recent movie I've seen.

There's one scene in particular where the protagonist Laurie played by Scout Taylor-Compton, who also appeared in the 2007 "Halloween," is in a shop with some friends. Every two seconds there is a camera change and it literally made me dizzy.

The characterization of Dr. Sam Loomis played by Malcolm McDowell ("A Clockwork Orange") is completely wrong as well. In the original film series, Loomis

has a dark, brooding personality who is dealing with the guilt of having failed Myers as a psychiatrist. Zombie once again seemed to completely forget any prior characterization of Loomis and made him into a backstabbing snake that was selling his Myers story through a book and making money off the blood of others. It's kind of ironic because that's really what Zombie has done with this movie by sacrificing tradition for blood and money.

There's a reason why some films should be left to history. A classic like the original "Halloween" is a work of horror movie art that is in the same category as "Psycho" and "Jaws." Sometimes that magic can never be duplicated. I guess the only tradition that Zombie chose to uphold was the tradition of the bad sequel.



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NWMISSOURIAN

Fall means fresh start, Chiefs going to Superbowl in my eyes

every fall that means football season is just around the corner and that's the best time of year

In the first week of September every team has a shot at the Super Bowl and every player can make the Pro Bowl. That part is especially meaningful to me because I'm a Chiefs fan and the past few seasons haven't been the best. However it's always great to know that right now because in my red and gold mind the Chiefs are going to the Super Bowl and sending half the team to the Pro Bowl.

In my arrogant mind the Chiefs are at least a lock for the AFC West and here's why.

1. Best Quarterback in the AFC West.

Look at it this way, Den-

ver's head coach Josh McDaniels attempted in the off-season to trade for, now Chiefs quarterback, Matt Cassel. Last season the Broncos' Jay Cutler was the only QB from the AFC West to make the Pro Bowl and for some reason McDaniels

still wanted Cassel over Cutler, who is no longer Pioli came from the New Engwith the Broncos either.

2. New head coach Todd Haley is taking over the reigns in Kansas City after the firing of Herm Edwards at the end of last season. Haley was the offensive coordinator for the NFC Champion Arizona Cardinals last season. The Cardinals were known for their powerful offense last



Dustin Sander

NFL in total offense and No. 2 in passing offense for the 2008 season.

3. New General Manager (GM) Not only did

the Chiefs get a new head coach, they added a new General Manager, Scott Pioli.

land Patriots where he was the vice president of Player Personnel, where he built the team for all three of their Super Bowls this decade. Pioli came in making moves for the Chiefs right away; firing Herm Edwards, hiring Todd Haley and bringing in new veterans.

4. New 3-4 defense

the times and have switched to the 3-4 defense. Ever since Bill Belichick and the Patriots won their first Super Bowl in 2001, the transition started from the traditional defense of 4-3 to a new tradition of the 3-4 defense. The biggest problem for most teams transferring to the 3-4 is personnel, and in my opinion the Chiefs have put together the personnel the best they can to have a successful 3-4 defense.

5. The Chiefs are in the best shape of their lives

With Haley calling all the shots, conditioning went to a whole new level for the Chiefs. The team lost a total of 380 pounds during training camp. The better shape you're in means better fourth quarters and less injuries during the The Chiefs caught up with regular season.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Do you think the 'Cats will bounce back from their lost to Abilene?



I think Northwest will have no problem bouncing back. They are a tough team and have the loss behind them. I'm sure they're ready and even more hungry for a win than before.

Lyndsey Thornhill Elementary Education



Losing is not a way you want to start out a season, but it will give them the motivation they need to carry them through the rest of the season.

Blair Weigel Psychology



I think we will prevail against our defeat, and come out on top once again.

Cody Niles Business Management/Marketing



I think they will see what they need to

Jason Ewlgman



impove on and get done what needs to be

Education



I think ultimately Northwest will end up winning all the games this year except the "big one" where they will choke like they have for the past four years.

Kevin Perkins Physical Education



Losing gives you motivation to play harder and knowing the other team thinks they are

stronger will probably

Lauren Driskell Accounting

push us more.

AROUND THE MIAA

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SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks Prediction record (0-0) **NCAA Lock**

Miami at Florida State — Noles After all of the mess that FSU has dealt with during the offseason this is going to be a statement game. After getting wins taken away Bowden has something to prove.

NCAA Upset

Buffalo at Texas El Paso — Buff I'm counting on Turner Gill to pull off the upset. He turned Buffalo from a two win team to bowl eligible. Sometimes coaching does matter and hopefully this Nebraska alumni can make it happen.

NCAA Lock

Army at E. Michigan — E. Mich I really don't know anything at all about Eastern Michigan, but I do they have to be better than Army. I really respect all of our armed forces, but I don't know if I would want them on my football team.

NCAA Upset

Cincinatti at Rutgers — Natty I haven't heard much about Cincinatti, but they only lost three games last year and one was to Va. Tech in the Orange Bowl. I think these BEARCATS can pull off the upset.

Jason's Picks Prediction record (0-0) **NCAA Lock**

Georgia at Okla. St. - Ok. St. Oklahoma State returns one of the top offenses in the big 12 with Dez Bryant and Zac Robinson leading the attack. Georgia lost all of their skill players and will have a lot of trouble stopping the Cowboys' high-powered offense.

NCAA Upset

Virginia Tech v. Alabama — VT Tyrod Taylor is back leading the Tech attack. Chalk one up for the Hokies, plus i can spite Dustin with this pick.

NCAA Lock

Missouri v. Illinois — Illini Illinois returns Juice Williams and Arrelious Benn as the leading quarterback-receiver combo in the Big 10. Mizzou lost one of the best senior classes in their history and won't be able to stop Juice from tearing apart their defense like he did two years ago in the season opener.

NCAA Upset

Miami at Florida St. — The U Miami returns their whole cast of youth that came in last year and started the revival in Coral Gables. Bobby Bowden won't deal with the sanctions and Miami takes the inter-state win.

Dustin's Picks Prediction record (0-0) **NCAA Lock** Va Tech v. 'Bama — 'Bama

Nick Saben and the Crimson Tide are back again this seasona and I don't see them missing a beat from the end of last year. Well minus their Sugar Bowl performance against Utah. Anyways Saben knows how to coach college football and will run through the SEC West again this season.

NCAA Upset

Mizzou v. Ill. — Mizzou I just can't pick against my Tigers. I know they lost their top three offensive weapons; QB Chase Daniel, TE Chase Coffman and WR Jeremy Maclin but the Tigers can still beat Illinois on their way to breaking the

top 25.

UConn at Ohio — UConn I'm taking the Huskies in this one even though they lost their top offensive weapon in runing back Donald Brown, A MAC school like Ohio should be no competition for the bowl winning Huskies.

NCAA Upset

Oregon at Boise St. — Oregon A major conference team like Oregon should never be the under dog to a WAC team. Especially when The Ducks are the No. 16 team in the

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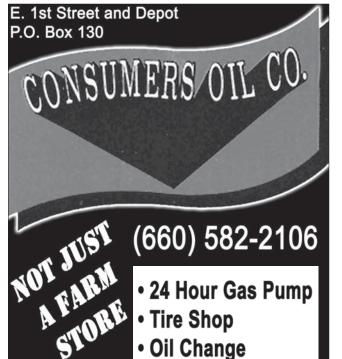
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SPOOFHOUNDS

CROSS COUNTRY

SENIOR JOSH ELLIOTT finished fifth at the boys varsity cross country race Tuesday. Elliott and his team mates combined for the third place finish at the Maryville Invitational.



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Cross Country finished third at Maryville Invitational

By Brian Bosiljevac Sports Editor

The Maryville Invitational gave the Spoofhounds a promising glimpse into the rest of the year.

The 'Hound's boys took third place at the Invitational with a total of 73 points. Maryville was only three points behind second place; Benton and Smithville ran away with the competition bringing in 22

"I really wasn't sure how we would come out and perform," head coach Phil Stone said. "We really were not practicing that great this week and it made me wonder how we would do. I was really impressed though, Josh Elliot ran his butt off and a couple of the other guys really stepped up. I told them we lost two state qualifying seniors and they really filled those roles."

'Hound's boys with a fifth place finish. The other 'Hounds who placed were Drew Wilson, Taylor Worthington and Derrick Schluter who finished 13th, 15th and 20th, respectively.

It was a freshman who brought in the top time for the Lady 'Hounds. Sydney Rogers was the eleventh runner to cross the finish line during the Varsity girl's race.

'She put up state Elliot led the qualifying times today,"

Stone said. "I was busy setting up for the meet that I didn't even get to talk to her today. There was no pre-game speech or anything. Were there some nerves there in her first race? Maybe. Did she go 100 percent? She said she

did, but I don't know.

I do know that there is

a lot of potential there

though." The 'Hounds will be back on the same course Saturday for the Bearcat/Spoofhound Invitational.

"It a tough course," Stone said. "It's very hilly and definitely not fun. Most of it is uphill and at times it really tough. It's encouraging to see people like (senior) Amanda McGinness nearly putting up her PR (personal record) from last year on the first meet of the season. After a week of practice and coming back to the same course we'll definitely see some times drop."

CROSS COUNTRY



SENIOR AMANDA MCGINNESS competed in the Spoofhounds first cross country meet of the season on Tuesday.

FOOTBALL: First loss of season

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marched the ball down the field to cut the score to 25-20 before they added a two point conversion to cut the 'Hounds' lead down to three points.

The Cougars got the ball back after Maryville went three and out, but couldn't move it down field, so Maryville regained possession. On second down Grudzinski threw the interception that opened the door for Hickman to take the lead.

Maryville had a final shot to tie the game with 6.6 seconds left, but Groumoutis' 46-yard field goal attempt fell short.

Maryville will take on Lafayette High School at 7 p.m. on Friday at Maryville High School and try to even their record.

"We'll bounce back, because our kids know how to win," Holt said. "I expect us to come out and play well, we'll be fine, we just have to get in a little better shape and games like tonight help you do that."

VOLLEYBALL

Quest for perfect season off to strong start

By Brian Bosiljevac Sports Editor

The Maryville volleyball team started the season in dominant fashion stealing two straight sets from East Buchanan.

The 'Hounds are off to a good start to accomplishing the preseason goals set by the team. On the top of the list is redeeming their last loss of the season, where they watched the district championship slip through there hands.

"We really just want to play hard and not give them (opponents) a chance," senior Tracey Jensen said. "We just wanted to play our game and finish it quick."

The team is loaded with experience. The 'Hound's roster is compiled of 11 seniors and one junior.

The 'Hounds will head to Fairfax, Mo., Thursday for a two-day tournament.

'We really just want to finish the tournament because we've had trouble with that in the past," senior Libbey Howell said. "Sometimes we play well in the beginning and by the end it's not so good."

The one thing the 'Hounds are focused on is continuing the strong start it began. Even with the large amount of experience the team carries they are determined not to play down to their opponent's level, Jensen and Howell said.

"We've got to start it off strong so we can know our ability and carry out through the rest of the season," Jensen said. "We want to set the bar high so other teams know where we're at."



photo by seth cook | editor in chief SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER Jessica From spikes the ball during the 25-19 first game win. The 'Hounds swept East Buchanan Tuesday night at home.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEE

Willie Horn

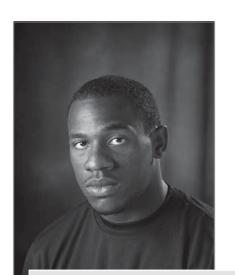
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Megan Lazenby

Shell

Freshman Megan Shell shot a 45 in her first varsity golf match in Smithville. Shell had the team low and helped the Spoofhounds come out on top in the teams first match of the fall season.

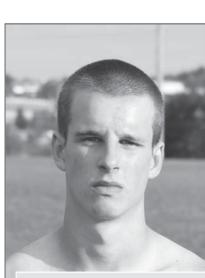
Derek **DeMott**



Junior linebacker Willie Horn had a game high nine tackles two sacks and a forced fumble in last Thursday's game against Abiliene Christian. The Bearcats lost 19-14 in the season opener.



Senior goalkeeper Kira Lazenby notched two shutout wins over the weekend to give her a school record 10 in her career. Lazenby had eight saves over the two games and was named MIAA athlete of the week.



Senior running back Derek De-Mott rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns in the Spoofhounds' 28-25 loss to Hickman Mills last Friday. DeMott intercepted a pass and returned it 42 yards.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

'Cats start off strong with tourney victory

By Jason Lawrence Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest soccer team opened their season with backto-back 1-0 wins in the Bearcat Classic.

"We got two great results," head coach Tracy Hoza said. "We played better on Sunday then we did on Saturday. It means a lot to start off strong."

The Bearcats shutout Southwest Oklahoma State in double overtime on Saturday at Bearcat Pitch. Freshman Amanda Bundrant scored the 'Cats lone goal in the second minute of the second overtime.

Bundrant scored her first collegiate goal of a cross from junior Kelsey Sanders.

On Sunday, Northwest only needed a single goal to give Kira Lazenby her tenth career shut-

"Well, it wasn't just me," Lazenby said. "It was the whole team feels good about

Lazenby recorded the ten shutouts in just 21 games in a Bearcat uniform, breaking the previous record of nine, held by Kathie Leach.

high standards for herself," Hoza said. "She was college goalkeeper and field. her records in junior college were phenomenal and now she's starting to get those records here too."

'Kira came in and set

Senior Andrea Tritz put the ball in the back of the net in the 72nd minute off an assist from Sanders against Newman University to seal the tournament win and a 2-0 start to the season for the

Tritz became the first Bearcat to score five game-winning goals



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an All-American junior IN SUNDAY'S 1-0 victory against Newman, Junior Andrea Freeman moves the ball up

"It's a good feeling," Tritz said. "I didn't even know I had it, but it's cool to know you're the one who scored for the win."

In the two games, the 'Cats outshot their opponents a com-

"We always start off with defending in the preseason," Hoza said. "We will defend until the end. A team that defends better attacks better and this year we will get more opportunities. We

can capitalize and do a little better with that, but the defense gives us a lot of opportunities to attack."

Northwest travels to Tahlequah, Okla., tonight to take on Northeastern State at 1 p.m.

"We've got to start proving we want to do well in the conference," Hoza said. "We've got to start doing better on the road and this is where it starts, we've got to show we can show up and play well on someone else's field."

SCORE BY QUARTER





TEAM STATISTICS		
Northwest		Abilene
230	Total yards	174
68	Total plays	55
57	Rushing yards	85
35	Rushing attempts	39
2-2	Fumbles-lost	2-2
173	Passing yards	89
33	Passing attempts	16
4-19	Sacks-yards	2-15
19-33-1	CompAttInt.	11-16-0
5-38.6	Punts-avg. yards	6-35.2
3.4	Off. yards per play	3.2
14	First Downs	9
10-98	Penalties-yards	5-41
0-0	Int-yards	1-37
5 of 15	Third downs	1 of 14
0 of 3	Fourth Downs	0 of 2

Northwest has won 14 consecutive games against Southwest Baptist and leads the alltime series 18-3.

The average margin of victory in the last 14 games of the series is 39 points

Northwest has scored more than 50 points in eight of its last 14 games against SBU

Northwest and Southwest Baptist have played each other every year since 1988

The Bearcats haven't lost back-to-back games

to start a season since 1995

Northwest has won 12 and 13 consecutive games following its last two season-opening losses in 2007 and 2008, respectively



photo by seth cook | editor in chief

JUNIOR SAFETY ALDWIN Foster-Rettig comes down with a blocked punt for a touchdown during the third quarter of the 'Cats 19-14 loss to Abilene Christian. The loss marks the second straight season that the Bearcats fell to Abilene Christian in the opening game.

NW FOOTBALL

'Cats to face improved Southwest Baptist

By Dustin Sander Convergence Director

The Northwest football team will play its last game tonight before the MIAA conference season begins.

In past years when the Bearcats played Southwest Baptist University the 'Cats have been able to $\ensuremath{\text{pick}}$ their score with an average winning margin of 39 points.

So, for this game they can take the week off and prepare for Pitt State at the Fall Classic VIII.

"No I don't think so," senior defensive end Sean Paddock said. "It's pretty obvious on film that they aren't the same team they've been the past couple years. I think most of our guys know that so we've just got to approach it like we would any other

Last week SBU fought with Central Missouri until the very end. They led Central until the fourth quarter when the Mules scored 13 unanswered points to win 39-28.

The 'Cats fell last week to Abilene Christian University 19-14 in Abilene, Texas. Northwest has not lost back-to-back games to start a season since 1995.

"Well we lost last game so we're determined to get a win regardless of who we play," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "All they have to do is take a little look at the film of their (SBU) game against Central (Missouri) and know we're playing a much different team than Baptist in the past."

SBU is a drastically improving team; in 2007 they failed to win a game and in 2008 they went 5-5, with a 23-68 loss to Northwest. The two teams have played every year since 1988 and Northwest leads the series 18-3.

"They're a lot more athletic," Tjeerdsma said. "Last year they were a very good offensive team; right now they're very athletic on both sides of the ball. They've got an outstanding quarterback, he's the kind of guy that can make a difference in the ball game at any time and we're going to have to do a great job of containing him."

SBU's junior quarterback Steve Gachette threw for 3,360 yards and 27 touchdowns and rushed for 658 yards with 6 touch-

The 'Cats will be seeing a completely different side of Division II football on Thursday. In the previous week they played on national television and in front of 11,322 fans in attendance. Now the 'Cats will be in Plaster Stadium with enough seating for 3,000 fans and covered just on the radio.

Northwest aren't too worried about the change in setting, their main focus is to win the game. When you're 0-1 it doesn't make any difference where you are, Tjeerdsma

Northwest faces the purple Bearcats at 6 p.m. tonight in Bolivar, Mo.

FOOTBALL: Addition of Lincoln could hurt 'Cats

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The 'Cats have had problems scheduling non-conference games in recent seasons close to home, due to a lack of talented teams in the Midwest that are up to facing an annual top ten team. They have been forced to travel hours away just to fill space in their schedule.

"We just can't find anybody that will play us," Tjeerdsma said. "The only teams that will play us are the other top ten teams in the country. That's tough when you play in our conference because we have several of those games already."

Last season Lincoln University went 1-8 in the Great Lakes Conference. SBU went 5-5 playing as an independent team.

With two lower ability teams joining the MIAA Northwest will be forced to play them every season. Playing two more teams each season that

will never be the competition that Abilene has been in the last two seasons.

"It's tough, we've got to keep our focus and we can't look past these guys," senior defensive end Sean Paddock said. "We've got make sure we stay focused on them."

The advantage of playing high ranked teams at the beginning of the season boosts a team ranking during the season and prepares for stiffer competition once conference play begins.

"I think there's good in playing a non-conference schedule and playing a really good team," Tjeerdsma said. "I like that and I'll never change on that, we've always done that."

No matter how it turns out the Northwest football schedule will look different than in past years; playing closer to home, playing weaker opponents and always playing familiar opponents.

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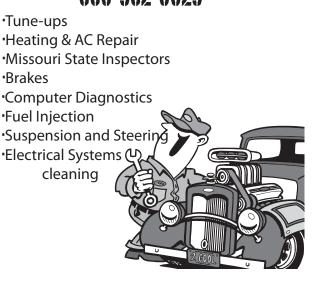
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NW VOLLEYBALL

Bearcats hope to keep hot streak alive

By Brian Bosiljevac Sports Editor

After a disappointing 2008 showing the Northwest volleyball team's strong start gives them a lot to hope for as this season progresses.

Northwest began its' season Friday in Memphis, Tenn., at the Christian Brothers University Tournament.

The Bearcats opened the weekend with back-to-back sweeps of Ouachita Baptist and Illinois Springfield. The 'Cats hit over .350 in both of those matches.

"We expect a lot out of this team," head coach Anna Tool said. "We finally have strong leadership in that junior class. Players are going to be high impact on the court. This weekend showed we can play like an experienced team."

Northwest followed up Friday with a four set win against Missouri-St. Louis and dropped its' first match of the season to tournament host, Christian Brothers, by letting a 2-0 lead slip away.

Although the 'Cats would have loved to walk away from the tournament 4-0. Tool said losing the match may end up being more valuable for the team in the long run. The team has now seen a 2-0 lead turn into a 3-2 loss. Tool felt the team lacked a "killer instinct" and hopes the 'Cats will remember that match in the future.

Sophomore Alex Hanna led the way with 38 kills and two of the junior leaders, Sara Falcone and Amber Ryan, tallied 35 kills each in the weekend tournament.

"They (juniors) just have that demeanor about them that they are upper classmen," Tool said. "They have that vibe, I don't know what happens between being a sophomore and coming in as a junior, but something happens where they take on a more experienced demeanor out there."

Ryan and Falcone also led the team in blocks with 17 and 14, respectively. Sophomore transfer Laira Akin brought in a team high 151 assists.

After a 2-2 start last season the 'Cats went on to drop six matches in a row. This team is

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We just can't find anybody that will play us. The only teams that will play us are the other top ten teams in the country. That's tough when you play in our conference because we have several of those games already.

- Mel Tjeerdsma



Abilene rivalry, non-conference games come to an end

By Dustin Sander Convergence Director

Last weekend marked the end to the Northwest and Abilene Christian yearlong rivalry.

The two teams met three times in the past calendar year with Abilene winning twice and Northwest once.

In every meeting the teams were at least ranked in the top ten; the lowest ranking was Abilene Christian at No. 8 in the two teams first meeting.

The last meeting began with an hour-long delay after severe weather. Eighty mph winds, heavy rains and lightning forced fans under cover and the teams back into the locker rooms.

Once the weather cleared, the teams took to the field again. The Bearcats came out cold, and after a safety and fumble returned for a touchdown the 'Cats were down 9-0 at the end of the first quarter.

"We were ready to play, we just made mistakes," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. Abilene then scored a touchdown on the 35-yard drive to go up 16-0 by halftime. Northwest fought back in the second half, but it wasn't enough to come out on top. The No. 2 ranks 'Cats lost to No. 5 Abilene 19-14.

The loss and horrible weather not only marked the end of the rivalry, but the last chance Northwest may have to play out of conference opponents during the regular season.

With the addition of Lincoln University and the possible readdition of Southwest Baptist University to the MIAA it leaves no room for out of conference

games.

"It will make scheduling a lot easier," Tjeerdsma said. "I'm for it, I really am. There's nice things about playing non-conference games, but the problems we have with scheduling right now is if we have 12 teams in the conference that means we play 11 conference games. I'll trade the negative of that for the positive that we have 11 games every year."

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MHS FOOTBALL

Spoofhounds drop season opener on late game turnover, coach takes responsibility

By Jason Lawrence Asst. Sports Editor

A turnover late in the fourth quarter of Friday night's game ruined the Maryville Spoofhounds chances of hanging on for a victory over the Hickman Mills Cougars.

Maryville quarterback Marcus Grudzinski threw an interception with just under two minutes remaining in the game to give Hickman Mills

a final shot at victory.

"We got greedy," head coach Chris Holt said. "They sucked their safeties up and we thought we could sneak

one by them. That's on me, I'm taking all responsibility for this one."

Trailing 25-22, Cougars quarterback Jerrin Walton lobbed a 12-yard touchdown pass to receiver Joe Dennis in the corner of the endzone with 42.3 seconds remaining in the game to complete the Cougars' comeback.

"We talked about trying to contain him (Walton)," Holt said. "We knew we were going to have difficulty containing him, he's a good athlete and we just didn't have the foot speed to stick with him."

th him." Hickman Mills scored

first at the 8:52 mark in the first quarter. Maryville answered with 1:42 remaining in the first quarter, when junior Gavin Talmage broke through for the touchdown.

The Cougars struck again on a four-yard touchdown run seconds into the second quarter after two big pass plays set up the short-yardage situation.

Maryville answered with a 14 yard run by sophomore fullback Anthony Groumoutis with 7:59 remaining in the first half, but Groumoutis missed the extra point, leaving the 'Hounds trailing 14-13.

On Maryville's next drive senior Derek DeMott broke a 49-yard touchdown run, but Hickman stopped the twopoint conversion attempt. The Spoofhounds led 19-14 at halftime.

The first play from scrimmage in the second half resulted in a 64-yard touchdown run for DeMott, giving Maryville a 25-14 lead after a failed two-point conversion. DeMott finished the game with 166 rushing yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead the Spoofhound attack.

"He (DeMott) had a very good game," Holt said.

"He's a senior, he's a

leader and he's done this before and been a big part of our football team the last two years. I'm glad that he stepped up like he did."

DeMott intercepted a Hickman pass and returned it 42 yards to the 23 yardline, giving the Spoofhounds a chance to increase their lead, but Grudzinski threw his first interception of the game. The third quarter ended with Maryville comfortably ahead

Hickman Mills blocked a Maryville punt to begin the third quarter and

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'HOUNDS VS. LAFAYETTE

A look back at the last two years

2008: MHS 42, Lafayette 7 -Adam Mattson 153 yards and 2 touchdowns -John Farmer 118 yards and a touchdown

2007: MHS 42, Lafayette 8 -300 yards rushing, 5 rushing touchdowns -Mattson 164 yards and 2 touchdowns